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Community Warden report September 2022

We hope you are all well and have been enjoying the good weather.

The school summer break is in full swing and this always means a busy time for the wardens, we have has more ASB reports across both areas (Chichester South and East)

The Whyke Estate has had more ASB reports due mostly to a small group of children, some of which live on the estate. We have been prioritising this area and are engaging with the children, some of which we know well. On a visit to the family of one of the children who is causing a problem around the estate, a tale of this child's life so far came to light. I spoke to this lad aged 10, and his great granny, with whom he lives, for a considerable time and his story flooded out, I think this lad needed to talk, the more I heard the more I realised that this child was one of the saddest I have met in my time as a warden. Obviously, I can't tell the whole story but have sent a report to his school to be included in the plan of action to help him and his family.

There are many people struggling and in the last couple of weeks we have had enquiries from families who needed food for their children and advise. More and more people are struggling with the cost-of-living crisis. It's not easy for anyone. We will be doing all we can as wardens to support people. We would like to put together a list of available help for such families as we think this could be helpful.

We know the UK Harvest sessions had lots of customers last week

Still in Chichester South, A survey has been done around all of the Whyke Estate and in fact some in the general Whyke area, asking how residents feel about living in the area and ideas for improvement. The Police Cadets did most of the survey along with Councilor Sharp, myself and Jon and the community safety team. as a result of the survey a community afternoon was organised on Whyke oval on 25th August, sadly this had to be cancelled due to the heavy rain, although it did stop, and we were able to go and do some litter picking with a group of youngsters. There will be lot's more work done around this area hopefully getting the residents involved in the future.

In the last few weeks there has been racist and obscene graffiti around Whyke, which was all reported to the police and CDC depot has been brilliant in removing anything offensive almost straight away. This seems to have died down now.

Over in Chichester East, there have been a couple of well attended community events, and the Play Days event in Florence Park was well attended.

Since our last report the veg garden at the Community Centre Swanfield has suffered from some deliberate damage, unfortunately no witnesses to this

ASB and Drugs issued have been an issue around the Conduit Mead, we have been watching for anything and anyone that looks out of place. It has been put on the extra patrol list.

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The Pet shop and CO-OP in the Bognor Rd has reported adult males urinating at the back of the car park, and although we have been checking the car park these people are going to be hard to catch.

Jon has been dealing with a neighbour dispute over a hedge, this is a long-standing problem that seems to have returned after seemingly being sorted out previously.

General Patrols continue and we have reported streetlights, graffiti and tags and fly tipping although we have removed some of the fly tipping ourselves.

We hope this report was useful, if you need to contact us, please feel free, details below

Thank you for your support.

Carol McClung Chichester South 07776 435506

Jonathan Logan Chichester East 07768 207868

Chichester BID Ranger report 8 May 2022 to 7 August 2022

Time frame	DISC reports	ASB	Assistance to Public	Crime (other than shoplifting)	PSPO e.g., cycling, drinking	Shoplifting	Other	Recovered stock
08/5 – 07/08	5	22	55	9	11	77	34	£5,031.77

Additional info:

1. Rangers were out 56 days in the city within the reporting timeframe period
2. We have extended the Ranger presence from 4 to 5 days a week throughout July and August
3. 1260 businesses have been visited over the reporting timeframe
4. Key issues being dealt with – shoplifting. Major theft event with traveller incursion 13th – 15th July at Prebendal playing fields
5. Increase in Public Assistance in line with increases in footfall
6. Stock recovered rising and a reflection of the increase we are seeing in shoplifting and predominantly from the major players in the city

Friends of Chartres - August 2022

I do hope members enjoyed the last bumper edition of Citylink, issued specially for the Queen's Jubilee, and reminding us of many past events over the more than sixty years of the Association. Editors Ellen Haigh and Rosie Spear worked hard, as did many contributors.

The Association took a stall at the Jubilee event in Priory Park, and through this welcomed six new members. A children's competition was also held, with prizes donated by local businesses.

The Three Cities event as part of the Festival of Chichester was also successful, when actor Edward Bennett was in conversation with Philip Robinson to an almost sell-out audience, followed by eaty-bits and wine from France, Italy and Malta – and a lot of friendly chat.

One recent highlight was the Garden Party held at Michael and Valerie Bevis's home in West Way. A good number of members attended on one of those very hot July Sundays, but there were welcome gazebos on the lawn, and some nice shady trees to sit under. The food and drinks brought by our members were delicious, and a nice spread between savoury and sweet – and again a lot of friendly chat took place!

There was a very successful visit to Chartres when the Grand Choeur of Chartres and the orchestra of Chichester University joined together for a concert, which was very well received and enjoyed both by those taking part and those attending.

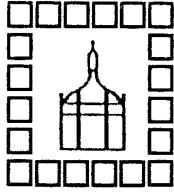
We received from Chartres a plea from a 20-year-old young lady for an au pair post in our area, and also another letter asking whether we may have a young person willing to undertake an eight-month post in a school – this would suit a gap year student, and would certainly help language learning on both sides. If members know of anyone interested, please let us know. We need some younger people becoming interested in our twinning.

Similarly we have received another request for a young person to take up an eight month spot in Chartres helping with English in a school. Accommodation and food provided as well as a small salary. Again, if you know of anyone who may be interested, please pass this information on to them.

In the coming few months we look forward to a Fish and Chip Supper at Fishbourne Centre on 16th September; Cine Club evenings in October and November; and the Christmas Soiree on 1st December in the Sherborne Room of the Bishop's Palace – a superb venue, and always an enjoyable evening.

Anne Scicluna

Chairman - Friends of Chartres



Friends of Ravenna Report for the Chichester Community Affairs meeting on Monday, 5th September 2022

Programme of Events 2021-2022

Our programme year ended with the AGM held on Friday, June 17th in St. Paul's Church Hall and chaired by Mayor Julian Joy. New appointments made include:

Chair: Jacky Storey

Hon. Sec: Lynda Murray

The Committee expressed their heart-felt appreciation for Liz Turner's 4 years as Chairman and especially for her hard work and committed leadership though turbulent Covid times. The way in which she managed to help maintain relationships with our Ravenna friends and even find new paths of communication was a real gift at a time when we needed to stay connected.

After the meeting, we enjoyed a celebratory lunch together at Carluccio's.

The 3 Cities Event

Held on Monday, 20th June this was very well attended and over 100 people came to enjoy the conversation between Professor Philip Robinson and RSC actor, Edward Bennett. Afterwards, no-one was in a hurry to leave and most seemed to relish the beautiful canapés prepared by the various catering-teams as well as an interesting selection of wines. Conversation flowed and there was a real sense of community and shared interest.

Visit to Ravenna

All the travel arrangements are now in place for a group of 15 heading to Ravenna on 28th September for a long-awaited 5 day visit to our Italian friends. We are looking forward to renewing acquaintance, meeting new folk and hoping that there will be new opportunities for establishing further links between the two cities.

Programme of Events 2022-2023

Our new programme begins with talks by 2 members, one about Umbria and the other relating to Marconi. There follows in October a talk by Dr Mark Thompson from East Anglia University ("The White War") and a visit from Hilly Sloan who will speak about "The Italian artist in mid-eighteenth century". Our Christmas celebration promises to be very engaging. Keziah Thomas met us and played for us on Zoom during the pandemic. In December we'll have the pleasure of meeting her in person!

We now have 163 members.

Jacky Storey
Chair

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Friends of Valletta

Report to Community Affairs Committee



August 2022

Past Events

We had an audience of over 100 for the Three Cities evening in June in support of the Festival of Chichester when Edward Bennett was in conversation with Professor Philip Robinson. Edward spoke about his acting career with the Royal Shakespeare Company and also about the education initiatives for both the Chichester Festival Theatre and at the RSC.

The weather was kind to us for the Garden Party at my house on Sunday 26 June when over 40 members and guests enjoyed the usual delights of sandwiches, and strawberries and cream on a warm sunny day.

Future Programme

The annual dinner of the Friends will be held at the Chichester Park Hotel on 8 September which is celebrated as Victory Day in Malta as it commemorates three events, the ending of the siege of Malta by the Ottoman Empire in 1565, Ending of the siege by Napoleon in 1800, and the end of the siege in WWII by Germany in 1943.

We are very pleased to welcome Nicholas Frayling who will give a live talk, which will also be streamed, on the "Order of St John & Museum in Clerkenwell" on Tuesday 13 September in the Assembly Room at 7.30 pm. A few years ago Nicholas had organised a visit for the Friends to the museum which we all thoroughly enjoyed.

On 20 October Peter Brinsden, a retired Naval Officer, will be giving a talk entitled "Nelson & Malta" which will be live in the Assembly Room and also streamed, which enables members here and in Malta to enjoy. It will also be recorded and put on our website for those who are unable to attend. With Chichester's connections with the Murray Club, councillors may like to join us on that evening.

The AGM will be held in the Council Chamber on 16 November.

Anne continues to prepare issues of the Melita newsletter every two months for members with interesting articles from various sources as we are concerned to keep in touch with our members, and she always keen to receive new material.

Membership

We currently have 83 members, including the Honorary Life Members from overseas.

Graham Pound

Chairman, Friends of Valletta

Report to: Chichester City Council - Community Affairs
for its Meeting on Monday 5th September 2022

From: Paula Chatfield, Chair of Chichester Tree Wardens

Date: 24th August 2022

Chichester Tree Wardens' volunteer activities since we last reported (26th May 2022) include:

Mind the [Tree] Gap

[Mind the Gap - tree planting in Chi \(treesinchi.org\)](https://treesinchi.org)

We ordered 4 new street trees through WSCC's Donate a Tree scheme before the end of July deadline: to be planted in Cedar Drive and Flaxman Avenue (Parklands) and Cambrai Avenue and Hay Road (Whyke). Cost £840. Almost all engagement with our fundraiser/planting suggestions continues to come from these two areas. In Summersdale, Summersdale Residents' Association has placed an order for an additional 4 street trees to plug gaps.

The fundraiser is set to continue into 2023, although not currently being promoted.

ChiTrees (helping Chichester understand the value of its urban trees)

[ChiTrees \(our iTree project\) \(treesinchi.org\)](https://treesinchi.org)

Over 30 volunteers attended our project launch Information and Training event held at Chichester University on Saturday 18th June, with a further 20 or so expressing interest in joining in. We have found the summer slow for recording trees, with lots of people away for family visits/holidays in the post-pandemic catch-up and energy/activity sapped by the heat. Recording will all but cease with leaf fall, when we will take stock of what has been achieved and plan to build upon it so volunteers are back out appreciating trees and adding to tree records in Spring 2023.

Tree Care Campaign

[Young Tree Maintenance \(treesinchi.org\)](https://treesinchi.org)

This year's drought has highlighted the importance of sustained tree watering, with new trees requiring a 50-litre soak once a week since May and no end yet in sight. The perseverance, dedication and understanding of nearby volunteers is evident in how new trees have fared – not everyone who wants to help finds themselves able to deliver the effort and continuity required and we have been trying to encourage and find additional support where either trees or volunteers have been struggling. With this being the third dry spring/summer in a row, we may find young trees need more than 3 years of watering before their roots can establish well enough for them to look after themselves; even some of our older trees are looking stressed or have failed.

We hope to engage with CDC with regard to tree planning conditions in the light of recent experiences and the changing climate. For the third year in a row, newly planted trees on developments are dying from lack of water, so failing to deliver the benefits of the design in the timeframe intended and wasting much-needed tree nursery stock.

Summersdale TWs report that the dry weather has resulted in the loss of most whips (baby trees) planted there under the CDC initiative overseen by Sophie Hamnet. I've not yet caught up with East Broyle to see if theirs have fared better (a local resident was equipped with a hose, which may have helped).

Cathedral Limes

Following sight of preliminary sketches relating to CDC's recent Levelling Up grant bid, we held an emergency meeting to agree what to do. We have written to project partners, including CCC, to highlight that these remaining trees are a significant historic, cultural, environmental, public health and economic asset. In the context of policy, cathedral square project objectives, existing protections and use, environmental conditions, and their history of public support, it seems perverse to start any design to improve the area from an assumption that the trees should be felled. Further information will be published on our website.

Public engagement has included liaising with:

- Chichester Festival Theatre, who instigated an emergency tree-watering programme and fitted gator bags, following the breakdown of CDC's bowser and drought-stress showing in the [trees they have planted in place of opening night gifts and cards](#) ;
- the Church Warden at St Mary's, Whyke in relation to understanding its churchyard trees;
- residents of Cambrai Avenue in relation to CityFibre works in their street, following up with WSCC and CityFibre and improved working practices. It remains the case that CityFibre may install its infrastructure in verges, preventing their future use for trees, so if anyone wants to try to protect verges for future tree planting, this needs flagging to WSCC asap before CityFibre's routing plans are firmed up.

Other news

- Preliminary discussions with Hyde have opened up the possibility that we may be able to work with them to plant more trees, with community support. As a first step, we hope to apply for orchard trees via CDC (in a partner project with DEFRA), time and circumstances permitting.
- A family-friendly spin-off from the City Centre Tree Trail is in preparation, focussing on a shorter fully-accessible route and engaging children with getting to know the trees.
- The [Oriental Chestnut Gall Wasp](#) is the latest biosecurity threat that has manifested itself locally, reported by CDC in Brandy Hole Copse and a survey undertaken at the Green Gym session on 28th June. First seen in 2015 in the UK (Kent), it presents a risk of tree decline in sweet chestnuts, but research into consequences and potential for control are ongoing.
- We have been exploring the use of [CAVAT \(Capital Asset Valuation of Amenity Trees\)](#) as another way of expressing the value of trees, so that they are appreciated as assets. This is important in decision-making, e.g. in relation to the cathedral limes and to an [application to fell 2 giant redwoods in Rew Lane](#), where making value explicit can help with perspective. Although professional expertise is required to assess CAVAT consistently, we can use the tools available to estimate values sufficiently to demonstrate where they should not be ignored.

With best wishes,

Paula (tel. 07788 140698; email paula@parklands-chichester.org)

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Chichester City Council

Report of Town Clerk

Twinning/Friendship link with Speyer, Germany

Background

From Community Affairs – 2 September 2019 – Minute 30

PROPOSAL FOR A FRIENDSHIP LINK WITH SPEYER, GERMANY

The Mayor advised the Committee that representations had been received from the existing Friends of Chartres and Friends of Ravenna who have Friends relationships with Speyer; with a suggestion that Chichester forms a Friendship with Speyer. Speyer was twinned with, among others, Ravenna and Chartres.

The Mayor informed the Committee that, while this had been a longstanding suggestion, it had not progressed due to an existing Twinning between Speyer and Spalding (UK). This formal Twinning is now no longer supported, although a strong friendship between Spalding and Speyer existed, which meant that the link can be reinvestigated, especially in light of the lack of a Friendship link between Chichester and a German town.

After discussion, it was felt that this would be a very positive relationship to develop and therefore it was RECOMMENDED to Full Council that a Friendship link with Speyer, Germany be progressed.

Speyer visit 4th and 5th August 2022

Obviously, progress on this matter was hit hard by Covid, but two representatives from Speyer, Deputy Vice Mayor Monika Krebs Kabs and Director of Tourism, Matthais Nowack, visited Chichester on 4th and 5th August.

The City Council organised a programme of visits and discussions. This programme involved a tour of the City – being Speyer's special request – it included the Cathedral and Council House, a tour of Pallant House Gallery an evening meal in the Park Tavern, a visit to the Novium, including a presentation by David Elliot author of 'Art of Chichester' (a project which had received City Council discretionary grant funding) a visit to the Westgate Centre and the visit concluded with a visit to the Chichester Festival Theatre to see the production of 'Crazy for You'.

City Councillors and officers self-funded attendance at the paying events, thus the overall costs of hosting our guests from Speyer ie hotel for three nights, taxi to and from Heathrow, meals etc, was £940.

Two very productive business meetings were held, the second being attended by former Mayor, Rob Campling and Mrs Liz Campling who have pioneered an emergent 'Friends of Speyer organisation'.

At the second of those business meetings, Councillor Gershater produced a 'Speyer Linkage Matrix' (**a copy is attached**) which majored on four themes of Education, Culture, Sport and Tourism. The involvement of young people, in any further developments was recognised as critical element.

The Mayor was presented with a letter from a school in Speyer wishing to establish links with Chichester counterparts and they expect many more schools to also be interested. It was also suggested that art and cultural links could be made during the Festival of Chichester. It

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was noted that Brexit had led to the UK's non participation in the EU 'Erasmus' programme that provided free movement and education exchange between registered universities and institutions for eligible students for 3 months to a year.

The Speyer representatives were extremely positive about furthering a Twinning link with Chichester and will be taking the matter to an upcoming meeting of Speyer City Council in October; they have every confidence of a favourable decision being made.

Speyer

Speyer, one of historic Cathedral cities on the Rhine (along with Mainz and Worms), has a population of some 50,000. It is some 13 miles southwest of Heidelberg (nearest airport with direct UK link is Frankfurt). The city is famous for the 1529 Protestation at Speyer. One of the ShUM-cities, Speyer and its Jewish courtyard is part of the UNESCO World Heritage Site.

Speyer is twinned with: Spalding, United Kingdom, since 1956, but this link is now defunct, Chartres, France, since 1959, Kursk, Russia, since 1989 (like Chichester this link is now in abeyance) Ravenna, Italy, since 1989, Gniezno, Poland, since 1992, Yavne, Israel, since 1998, Rusizi District, Rwanda, since 1982/2001 and Ningde, China, since 2013.

Twinning and Friendship

Although the originating minute refers to 'friendship', there is no legal definition of either twinning or friendship arrangements between towns and cities.

Given the scale of links suggested by Speyer, I suggest that Twinning is the most appropriate choice, but this is decision is one for Councillors.

Several Councillors involved with the Speyer visit considered the merits of a 'four-way European twinning link' ie Chichester, Speyer, Chartres and Ravenna

I would like to express thanks to my Deputy, Kim Martin for shouldering the main burden of responsibility for organising the visit of the Speyer delegation, to our many partners for their willing co-operation throughout and, of course to the small group of Councillors who were 'on duty' for the visit.

Rodney Duggua

Town Clerk

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Chichester – Speyer Linkage Matrix: 05 August 2022

Discussion on possible areas of mutual interest exploring opportunities for Twinning, Friendship Links, Exchange.

Areas of Interest	People < 30y	People < 65y	People with plenty of free time
Education	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Schools • College • University • Language schools 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • University • Associations • Language schools 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • University • U3A • Associations
Culture	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Music • Theatre • Art 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Music • Theatre • Art 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Music • Theatre • Art
Sport	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Individual • Team Sports • Cycling • Walking/running • Sailing 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Individual • Team Sports • Cycling • Walking/running • Sailing 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Individual • Team Sports • Cycling • Walking/running • Sailing
Tourism	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Eating/drinking • Shopping • Location (Area of Outstanding Natural Beauty) • National Park • Architecture • Connections • Accommodation 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Eating/drinking • Shopping • History • Location (Area of Outstanding Natural Beauty) • National Park • Architecture • Accommodation • Connections 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Eating/drinking • Shopping • History • Location (Area of Outstanding Natural Beauty) • National Park • Architecture • Accommodation • Connections

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[Ref: Chichester-Speyer Linkage Matrix05Aug22.docx]

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Report to: Chichester City Council Community Affairs Committee

From: City Councillor Sarah Sharp

Date: 5th September 2022

Subject: Supporting a Warm Network for Chichester residents

Recommendation:

- a) The City Council to encourage and support the setting up of an informal “Warm Network” to support Chichester residents faced with rising fuel bills.
- b) The City Council to compile a list of places (e.g. public buildings/groups/societies/drop-in centres) where residents can spend time and keep warm and perhaps enjoy some social interaction or simple refreshments. The City Council to host such a list on its website, with City Councillors suggesting activities from their respective wards.
- c) The City Council to identify any gaps.
- d) The City Council to potentially look into using the Old Court Room or other spaces in the City Council House for example the Crush Bar for a session of the “Warm Network”. City Councillors would need to support this venture.
- e) The City Council to investigate whether it could help voluntary groups with financial or other support if an existing or a new group wishes to specifically combat the issue of fuel poverty.

1. Background

The cost-of-living crisis is hitting thousands of Chichester households and is expected to get worse. The Bank of England is predicting inflation will climb to 11% by the autumn even after interest rate increases.

The impact of increasing domestic fuel and food prices will adversely affect the health and well-being of many Chichester residents, with some people having to choose between heating or eating.

Local authorities have a duty to promote and protect the health and well-being of the public, and to prevent avoidable harm.

2. Setting up a “Warm Network”

It would be useful if the City Council could put together a list of local public buildings and groups that already hold open sessions where Chichester residents can have access, free of charge, or at a very low charge, to a “warm welcome”. The venue should be one where people can keep warm and comfortable this coming autumn and winter. This list could be shared via traditional and social media with the residents.

A key part of the list is that it should include opening and closing times so that people can move from one such venue to another. The Warm Network list would therefore include locations and opening times of such buildings.

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The list could also include opening times and locations of locally-based VCFSE (voluntary, community, faith and social enterprise) bodies that already provide, or would be willing to provide, “Warm Network” type facilities.

It would be helpful if City Councillors could share knowledge of existing groups that already meet locally. This way we could quickly put together the starter building blocks of a list which would hopefully grow over time.

The City Council would need to work with the District Council, County Council (Library Service) and other partner organisations to identify locations and public and community buildings that could join this “Warm Network”.

3. Plugging the Gaps

Once we know where the gaps are in the network, it might be helpful to set up session(s) in the Old Court Room or in other spaces in the Council House where city residents could take refuge from the cold and receive a warm welcome from their Parish Council.

City Councillors could offer to support this session on a rota on a voluntary basis. Additionally and alternatively, the location could be provided to accredited volunteers who are already involved in work of a similar type.

Where possible and where appropriate, additional support and information should also be available to help individuals access other services they may need.

4. Possible financial support for groups offering to be part of the “Warm Network”

To consider whether the City Council could include financial support of groups aiming to support our residents with places of warmth and welcome.

If this idea is approved, in order to enable this support to be in place ahead of the autumn, funding would need to be identified and put in place from (1) existing budgets, (2) reserves and/or (3) outside funding bodies (e.g. government agencies, charities).